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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE SANTA MONICA BAY SHORELINE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM UNDER THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT (NPDES NO. CAS004001) TO CONFORM TO MONITORING REQUIREMENTS OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY BEACHES BACTERIAL TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs)

The City of Los Angeles is requesting approval from the Regional Water Quality Control Board for proposed changes to the shoreline monitoring requirements contained in the monitoring and reporting program under the Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit (NPDES No. CAS004001) to conform to those of the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacterial TMDLs. Regional Board staff have concluded the review and propose that the Regional Board Executive Officer approve the interim changes to the monitoring and reporting program subsequent to this public review period.

The Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water Permit requires that the City of Los Angeles monitor eighteen shoreline stations to determine compliance with bacteria water quality objectives for water contact recreation. The monitoring and reporting program states that station locations may be modified based on recommendations from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project (now Commission, SMBRC) and approval from the Regional Board Executive Officer. It also states that shoreline monitoring frequencies (six times per week) may be modified as recommended by the SMBRC Technical Advisory Committee and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. The proposed changes were reviewed and approved by the SMBRC Technical Advisory Committee at its November 23, 2004 meeting.

The public comment period is open from March 22, 2005 to April 20, 2005. The tentative approval letter and accompanying file are available for review by appointment at the Regional Board office at 320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90013. For any questions on this matter, please feel free to view our website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles. Alternatively, you may contact Carlos Urrunaga at (213) 620-2083 or Renee DeShazo at (213) 576-6783 for any questions or for an appointment to review the file.

Persons wishing to comment upon, or object to, changes to the monitoring and reporting program are invited to submit comments in writing to the above address before the close of the comment period. To be evaluated by Regional Board staff, written comments regarding this action must be received at the Regional Board office by 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2005. Comments received after the deadline may not be reviewed.